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**DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

Division of Economic Support  
Bureau of Work Support Programs

**TO: Economic Support Supervisors  
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**PRIORITY: URGENT**

**SUBJECT: MEDICAL/REMEDIAL EXPENSES (MRE) & IMPAIRMENT RELATED  
WORK EXPENSES (IRWE)**

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**CROSS REFERENCE:** MAPP Consumer Guide

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Apply this policy clarification immediately to all new MAPP applications and requests from currently certified recipients. All other currently certified cases would have this policy applied no later than the next eligibility review.

**PURPOSE**

The Department of Health & Family Services (DHFS), Division of Health Care Financing (DHCF), has become aware of some problems with the current interpretation of how to calculate allowable Medical/Remedial Expenses (MRE) and Impairment-Related Work Expenses (IRWE). This memo clarifies this policy.

**POLICY**

Calculate the monthly cost of MRE's and IRWE's as *anticipated incurred expenses*. The cost the client expects to incur each month for both these items is the amount that should be allowed when determining MAPP eligibility and premium obligation.

A large one time expense that is expected to be incurred can, at client option, be deducted only for the month in which it will be incurred or, prorated over a 12-month period. Past unpaid bills and bills that are currently being paid are not allowable MRE's and IRWE's. Anticipated expenses are the only expenses that can be allowed as MRE's and IRWE's.

The MAPP Consumer Guide, the Administrative Rule, and previous Operations Memos indicate that these expenses must be paid in order to be allowed. That is contrary to the Department's intent and we will be revising the Consumer Guide and the Administrative Rule in the near future. The MRE Worksheet indicates that outstanding medical bills are allowable MRE's; that is also incorrect and will be deleted in a future worksheet revision.

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